Train stoppage at Moulali

2615. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to make Moulali Railway Station a stoppage for express and fast passenger trains, in view of the thousands of passengers from Moulali and surrounding areas; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) At present, Maulali station is served by four pairs of trains including 7405 / 7406 Hyderabad-Tirupati Krishna Express. Provision of stoppage of additional train at this station has been examined but not found justified.

Railway land

2616. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA.Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total land area under the Railways, the land under actual use of the railways, the land under illegal encroachment by the railway staff and that by others, Division-wise;

(b) the area given on lease for commercial purposes and the annual revenue being earned therefrom; and

(c) the action taken to evict encroachments during the last three years, achievements made and the major reasons for failure of the eviction drive, Division-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (c)The details regarding total land area, land under actual use, and land under encroachments in Hectare as on 31.03.2002 are as under. The Division-wise achievements in removal of encroachments is as given in the last column. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to free their land from encroachments. However, results in removal of encroachments vary from Division to Division depeding on various factors including co-operation from the concerned State Government authorities.

Zone	Division	Total land	Land under actual use	Land under encroachment by Railway staff	Land under encroachment by others	Total No. of encroachments removed during last three years ending 31.3.2002
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Central	Mumbai	4450.167	4150.487	0.05	49.97	9836
	Bhusawal	7827.53	7309.094	Nil	5.46	444
	Bhopal	5463.36	5055.75	Nil	0.93	238
	Nagpur	9494.154	8585.244	0.124	1.026	41
	Jabalpur	10117.001	9870.521	Nil	0.48	289
	Jhansi	7477.826	7023.446	1.042	1.288	25
	Solapur	4541.21	4201.25	Nil	1.24	94
TOTAL		49371.248	46195.792	1.216	60.394	10967
Eastern	Sealdah	4235.064	3451.943	Nil	24	2979
	Howrah	6408.202	6212.151	Nil	0.559	284
	Asansol	6424.945	5842.697	Nil	7.318	935
	Dhanbad	12498.35	12276.21	Nil	0.84	2712
	Mughalsarai	5116	5067.564	Nil	0.02	1292
	Maldah	2197.66	2066.778	Nil	7.77	1869
	Danapur	4308.032	4002.254	Nil	1.788	64
TOTAL		41188.253	38919.597	Nil	42.295	10135

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Northern	Allahabad	6853.80	6811.96	9.70	32 14	423
	Bikaner	5457.08	5423.45	3.24	30 39	544
	Delhi	943052	9002.36	128.33	299.83	2745
	Firozpur	7695.43	7087.72	66.14	541.57	2330
	Jodhpur	5969	5968	Nil	1	11
	Lucknow	7132	712099	5.59	5.42	5766
	Moradabad	7424.65	7334.48	0.03	90.14	125
	Ambala	6254	6251.56	0 42	2.02	248
	Construction Organisation	515 36	515.36	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL		56731.84	55515.88	'213.45	"1002.51	12192
North Eastern	Izzatnagar	6035.10	5449.190	Nil	8.7	99
	Lucknow	7080.015	6838.467	Nil	9.92\	317
	Varanasi	12382.260	12228.775	Nil	29.435	866
	Sonepur	6210.831	5645.471	Nil	0.815	299
	Samastipur	5427.335	5219.271	Nil	14.674	956
	Gorakhpur Area	534.84	534.431	Nil	0.408	1
TOTAL		37670.381	36015.605	Nil	63.952	2538
Northeast Frontier	Katihar	9609.790	8730.650	Nil	20.588	9358
	Alipurduar	11600	10455.560	Nil	107.262	10697
	Lumding	18154.474	9985.250	Nil	96.160	3543
	Tinsukia	3859.43	3710.154	Nil	33.990	1490
TOTAL		43223.694	32881.614	Nil	258	25088

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Southern	Chennai	4806.18	4578.35	Nil	47.83	Nil
	Palghat	5911.99	5910.88	Nil	1.11	3
	Trivandrum	2502.54	2496.07	Nil	6.47	Nil
	Bangalore	3880.63	3878.87	Ml	1.76	Nil
	Mysore	4243.33	4239.43	NR	3.90	Nil
	Tiruchchirappalli	5432.66	5417.65	Nil	15.01	342
	Madurai	6429.26	6428.07	Nil	1.19	Nil
TOTAL		33206.59	32949.32	Nil	77.27	345
South	Secunderabad	5375	4879	Nil	2.34	Ni
	Hyderabad	7925	7472	Nil	1.40	131
	Vijayawada	7085	6786	NH	27.31	1210
	Guntakal	6416	5903	Nil	3.20	499
	Hubli	6617	6169	Nil	12.14	466
TOTAL		33418	31209	Nil	46.39	2306
South	Adra	16270.48	16241.97	Nil	45.31	49
	Bilaspur	10130.00	10105.00	Nil	11.98	185
	Chakradharpur	12615.789	12585.169	Nil	148.339	5715
	Khurda road	5738.35	5599.69	Nil	14.75	52
	Kharagpur	13227.433	13202.603	Nil	22.51	3052
	Nagpur	12625.23	12574.58	Nil	3.62	71
	Sambalpur	4024.44	3832.42	Nil	2 956	187
	Vishakhapatnam	3408.21	3397.52	Nil	11.15	1362
TOTAL		78039.932	77538.952	Nil	260.615	10673

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Western	Mumbai	5684.96	5676.460	Nil	8.50	3084
	Vadodara	3623 22	3620.439	Nil	2.78	189
	Ratlam	7453.17	7439.604	Nil	13.57	Nil
	Kota	7138.71	7136.110	Nil	2.60	68
	Ajmer	10922.50	10922 310	Nil	0.19	202
	Jaipur	5400.39	5399.055	Nil	1 34	13
	Rajkot	4715.87	4882 449	Nil	33 42	289
	Bhavnagar	5689.50	5675.870	Nil	13 63	101
TOTAL		50628.32	50552.297	Nil	76.03	3946
GRAND TOTAL		423478.258	423478.258	*214.666	**1887.45	78190

* Figure of Northern Railway includes approximately 150 Hectare of land given under Grow More Food scheme but not vacated later.

** Figure of Northern Railway includes approximately 750 Hectare of land given to outsiders under Grow More Food scheme but not vacated later.

(b) Total area of Railway land given on lease for commercial purpose as on 31.03.2002 is 3466.70 Hectare, and the total annual revenue earned from these is Rs. 46.36 Crore. In addition, Railways also earn revenue from licensing of land for various purposes like Grow More Food scheme for Railway employees, way leave facilities, pisciculture, shopping etc.

Stoppage of August Kranti at Sawai Madhopur

†2617. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stoppage of August Kranti at Sawai Madhopur would be discontinued from 15th August, or in the near future;

(b) whether he is aware that Sawai Madhopur is an important place from the tourism point of view and foreign tourists visiting India want to go to RanthambhoreTiger Project in Sawai Madhopur; and

(c) whether Government would decide about permanent stoppage of August Kranti and Rajdhani Express at Sawai Madhopur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Stoppage of Rajdhani Express is provided after taking into account the need for preserving the distinctive and exclusive character of Rajdhani Express trains, the quantum as well as the pattern of traffic obtaining at the station, availability of suitable alternative services catering to the traffic demand of the station and other operational & commercial considerations.

Procurement of Wheel Press Machines by the Railways

†2618.SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. M.N. DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Wheel Press Machines were procured during the last five years and how many were made available for Mysore and Bhopal;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.